

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 21, 23-27 and 45-62 are currently being amended.

Claims 63 and 64 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 2 and 15-64 are now pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of 1-2, 15-20, 23-25, 28-33 and 45-51. Applicant has amended claims 23-25 and 45-51 to more clearly recite the invention. No new matter is added. These claims remain in condition for allowance.

Claims 21, 22, 26, 27, 34-44 and 52-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. During a telephone discussion between the Examiner and Applicant's representative on November 14, 2006, agreement was reached on amendments to claims 21, 26 and 27. Based on that agreement, Applicant has amended claims 21, 26 and 27 to recite identifying "from the encoded video signal an encoding mode indicator...." Additional amendments to claims 26 and 27, as well as amendments to claims 52-62, have been made to more clearly recite the invention. Accordingly, claims 21, 22, 26, 27, 34-44 and 52-62 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new claims 63 and 64 to recite another aspect of the invention. Claims 63 and 64 are patentable for the similar reasons as claims 1, 2 and 15-62.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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